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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Hello,

I am writing to voice my concern regarding the settlement of the lawsuit by the Federal Government of the United States and nine individual States against Microsoft Corp. Among the many flaws contained in the settlement, I will focus on one ? the creation of an oversight group to ensure that Microsoft no longer violates procedures for which it has been found guilty.

This oversight group has no enforcement capability. All they are empowered to do is to point out that if Microsoft has violated one or more of the conditions of the settlement, then this will be brought to the attention of the U.S. Justice Department for review. And what, file ANOTHER lawsuit? This one has already taken more than three years, so Microsoft has incentive to violate conditions of this settlement ? competition can be eliminated via Microsoft's predatory approach to the consumer and business markets, well before any future litigation has an opportunity to stop Microsoft's actions in time to save consumers any monetary losses due to lack of competition, or save business competitors from extinction due to Microsoft's chokehold on their Windows platform.

Microsoft should be bound to terms of an agreement that enables the oversight group to enforce monetary penalties upon Microsoft, payable to the Federal Government and participating States, if Microsoft breaks any terms of this agreement. No other form of penalty is understood by Microsoft ? they are too big to appreciate any penalty other than financial.

You are spending my tax dollars to prevent future anti-competitive behavior by Microsoft, a company found GUILTY of breaking the laws of the Sherman AntiTrust Act by the Federal Government of the United States. Enforce this law to its limits.

Thank you,

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